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In Re Reissue Application of: Rangan, et al.

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) Examiner: Ton, D.

Application No.: 09/173,582

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Filed: October 15, 1998

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) Group Art Unit: 2661

For: DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
WITH TRANSFER PORT, CASCADE PORT  
AND/OR FRAME SYNCHRONIZING  
SIGNAL

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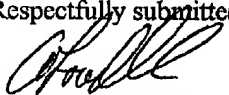
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.47 for the USPTO to accept the Inventor Declaration for the above-identified application even though one co-inventor, Richard Thaik, has not been located after diligent efforts. The relevant facts are set forth in the Declaration of Alan Loudermilk. The last known address for Mr. Thaik is 1566 Cleo Springs Drive, San Jose CA 95131, or 4325 Renaissance Drive, San Jose, CA 95134. All other co-inventors have signed the Inventor Declaration for this application. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0251 in the amount of \$130.00 for the petition fee.

Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0251. An additional copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,566,169, granted October 15, 1996, and for which areissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Data Communication Network with TransferPort, Cascade Port and/or Frame Synchronizing Signal

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on October 15, 1998 as reissue application number 09 / 173,582  
and was amended on 5/17/2000 and 7/16/2005.

(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

by reason of claiming only the subject matter of claims 1-15, which is less than the full right to claim in the original application. Accordingly, new claims 16-141 were added. For example, comparing claim 16 to original claim 14, claim 14 was limited to a "receive memory device," a "transmit memory device," a "plurality of receive datapaths," and a "plurality of transmit datapaths." As the originally-filed specification makes clear, this was less than Applicant was entitled to claim, and therefore new claim 16, which parallels original claim 14, recites a "receive memory," a "transmit memory," "one or more receive datapaths," and "one or more transmit data paths," which broaden these claim elements and correct one such error. In addition, Applicant, in combination with independent claim 16, was entitled to claim the subject matter of dependent claims 17-57, but did not do so in the original application. Similar errors of claiming less than Applicant was entitled to claim can be seen from the subject matter of new claims 58-141, which include subject matter that Applicant was entitled to claim but did not in the original application.

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(REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR, page 2)		Docket Number (Optional) <b>VN169RI</b>	
All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.			
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.			
Full name of sole or first inventor (given name, family name) <u>GEETHA N.K. RANGAN</u>			
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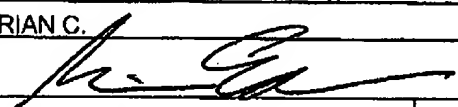
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DECLARATION OF ALAN R. LOUDERMILK

I, Alan R. Loudermilk, am the patent attorney prosecuting this reissue application on behalf of the Applicant.

In response to a telephone call from Examiner Ton, I endeavored to have a new declaration re-executed by all of the inventors for this application. After considerable effort, I was able to obtain the signatures of inventors Rangan, Worsley and Edem. I have been unable to locate the third named inventor, Richard Thaik.

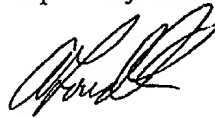
This declaration is provided to explain that I have made a diligent effort in attempting to locate Richard Thaik. He is no longer employed with the former assignee of the patent that is being reissued (National Semiconductor), and he is no longer employed by his last known employer (Cisco Systems). It was at Cisco Systems in San Jose that I last met Mr. Thaik in May 1999, which was at the time of execution of the originally-submitted declaration. My recent efforts to location Mr. Thaik include the following.

I made numerous calls to Cisco System and was unable to determine any information regarding his current whereabouts. A letter sent to Cisco Systems was returned to sender. Responses were not received to the letters sent to his last two (believed) home addresses (1566 Cleo Springs Drive, San Jose CA 95131, and 4325 Renaissance Drive, San Jose, CA 95134). Calls to directory assistance were unsuccessful. Various Internet-based searches were not successful. I attempted to track Mr. Thaik down through Purdue University, from which he graduated and to which he has contributed over the years, but the contact information that he maintained with Purdue University had not been updated. I spoke with numerous former colleagues of Mr. Thaik, and none had any information regarding his whereabouts.

Based on the previously friendly and cooperative interaction that I had with Mr. Thaik in 1999, it would seem that he has moved to an unknown location and has not received, or is not in position to receive, the correspondence that has been sent to him. Accordingly, and in view of the foregoing, Applicant is submitting a new Declaration executed by the remaining co-inventors and requests that this new Declaration be accepted by the US Patent Office.

I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any patent issued thereon.

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